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4TH GPCA IP AWARENESS WORKSHOP

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The Gulf Petrochemicals and Chemicals Association (GPCA) is proud to announce the 4th edition of the Intellectual Property (IP) Awareness Workshop from 12-13 December 2018, hosted by EQUATE in Kuwait. In collaboration with SABIC, the two-day workshop is dedicated to the practice and implementation of IP. Attendees will learn about the important issues related to and strategies for protecting IP within the region and around the world along with strategies for applications and disclosures.

This successful series of IP Awareness workshops brings together chemical and petrochemical industry professionals, IP strategists, lawyers, innovators, researchers, patent offices, marketing and business development practitioners. Having been held previously in Riyadh, Abu Dhabi and Al-Khobar, the workshop series aims to create awareness on this important topic amongst the regional industry and related value chain partners.

KEY CONFIRMED SPEAKERS



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Raheen Sacranie
Director, Advisare Consultancy



Michael Krawzsenek
Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright, LLP



Mardson Q. McQuay
Associate General Counsel, KAUST

08:00 - 09:00	Registration and welcome refreshments
09:00 - 09:10	Welcome remarks Dr. Ramesh Ramachandra, CEO, EQUATE
Wednesday, 12 December 2018	
09:10 - 09:15	Housekeeping rules
09:15 - 10:15	Overview of IP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Patents » Trademarks » Copyrights » Trade secrets and confidential information » Balancing trade secrets, contamination and patents » Freedom-to-operate concerns <p>Zayd Alathari, Senior Manager and Intellectual Property Counsel, Legal Affairs, SABIC Turki Alasker, Associate IP Counsel, SABIC</p>
10:15 - 10:45	IP By-laws at Kuwait University: Policies and practices <p>Prof. Laila Marouf, Assistant Vice President, Research for External Collaboration and Consultation, Kuwait University Dr. Bashayer Alghanim, Assistant Professor of Private International Law, Kuwait University</p>
10:45 - 11:00	Networking break
11:00 - 12:30	Licensing, aspects of commercializing IP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » What is a license - Obligations and deliverables » Motives for buying or selling a technology license - Advantages and disadvantages » How to assess the value of a license - Management of risk » Some insight in commercial and legal terms - How to reach a mutually acceptable agreement <p>Martijn Vogelzang, Senior Manager, Licensing Out, SABIC Limburg BV</p>
12:30 - 13:45	Lunch and prayers
13:45 - 15:15	IP agreements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Types of IP agreements, critical terms, and practical considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * IP assignment agreements * Non-disclosure and confidentiality agreements * Technical service agreements * University research agreements * Joint development and collaboration agreements * Licensing agreements » Licensing from a legal perspective » Working with IP counsel for effective IP agreements <p>Zachary Wegmann, Senior Counsel, Intellectual Property, SABIC</p>
15:15 - 15:30	Networking break
15:30 - 17:00	Capturing and evaluating the ROI of IP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Searching for the hidden intangible value embedded in business operations » What and how can the financial value be quantified? » Recognizing the commercial potential of Intellectual Property » The specific challenges faced by the petrochemical industry » Relevant evaluation methodologies <p>Raheen Sacranie, Director, Advisare Consultancy</p>
Thursday, 13 December 2018	
09:15 - 10:45	Problem: Inefficient patent drafting and prosecution Solution: Thoughtful invention disclosures <p>Thoughtful invention disclosures have a positive impact on the patent application drafting process and during prosecution of the application. The goal of this presentation is to discuss the invention disclosure drafting process and how it can lead to a more cost and time efficient patent application drafting process and ultimately to a more efficient path to securing patent rights for the invention. Strategies for preparing invention disclosures, filing strategies, and prosecution strategies will be discussed.</p> <p>Michael Krawzsenek, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright, LLP</p>
10:45 - 11:00	Networking break
11:00 - 12:30	Drafting and prosecuting strong patents: How to maintain high quality under reasonable cost <p>Companies spend a significant amount of resources to draft and prosecute patents across the world in order to protect their Intellectual Property. This presentation will discuss processes and procedures that one can use to draft and prosecute patents of high quality while maintaining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Control of cost within reasonable ranges, and » Working with law firms that are true value-added partners in that endeavor <p>Mardson Q. McQuay, Associate General Counsel, KAUST</p>
12:30 - 12:45	Closing remarks Dr. Abdulwahab Al-Sadoun, Secretary General, GPCA
12:45 - 14:00	Lunch and prayers



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